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The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd
Chief Clerk/Executive Director
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia SC 29210

**Re: Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC's Establishment of Solar Choice Metering Tariffs Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-40-20
Docket Nos. 2020-264-E and 2020-265-E**

Joint Request for Delay With Request for Expedited Relief

Dear Ms. Boyd:

On November 2, 2020, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (the "Companies" or "Duke") filed their Joint Application for Approval of Solar Choice Metering Tariffs, along with the direct testimony and exhibits of several of the Companies' witnesses and the Stipulation signed by several parties to the docket (the "Stipulating Parties")¹. On November 4, 2020, the Clerk's Office of the Commission issued the Notice of Hearing and Prefile Testimony Deadlines setting forth a procedural schedule in these dockets (the "Notice").

The Companies and the Stipulating Parties have consulted and believe there is opportunity for additional collaboration that will aid the Commission's review of the complex topics in this proceeding and allow the evidentiary hearing to proceed more efficiently. Therefore, the Companies and the Stipulating Parties respectfully request that the testimony deadlines and the hearing date included in the Notice be held in abeyance until new a new proposed procedural schedule can be submitted and reviewed by the Commission.

With additional support provided to their billing system, the Companies believe they can accommodate a change in schedule for the aforementioned reasons and are respectfully requesting that a one-month delay in the deadlines be permitted. This delay will not impact the Companies' ability to meet the deadlines for implementation of the Solar Choice Metering Tariffs required by Act 62.

¹ The Stipulating Parties are comprised of Vote Solar, North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association, Solar Energy Industries Association, and the Southern Environmental Law Center on behalf of Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, South Carolina Coastal Conservation League, and Upstate Forever.

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In the event it aids the Commission or the Commission's Hearing Officer in assessing this Joint Request for Delay, potential dates proposed by the Companies and the Stipulating Parties are as follows:

ORS/Intervenor Direct Testimony to be filed: 1/11/2021
DEC/DEP Rebuttal Testimony to be filed: 1/25/2021
ORS/Intervenor Surrebuttal to be filed: 2/8/2021
Evidentiary Hearing: 2/17/2021
Proposed Orders due: 3/17/2021
Commission Decision: April 14, 2021
Compliance tariffs due: April 28, 2021

The Office of Regulatory Staff supports the request to hold the dates in abeyance in order to participate in a scheduling conference.

The Stipulating Parties respectfully ask for expedited review of this request that the current schedule be held in abeyance such that parties are relieved of filing testimony on Monday, December 7, 2020 and that a scheduling conference be held soon after to facilitate resolution of this Request, including consideration of the dates above as well as input from any other party not joining this Request.

Sincerely,



Heather Shirley Smith

cc: Parties of record